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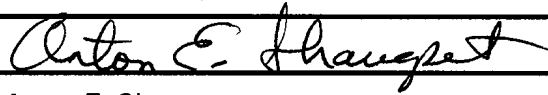
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Dear Sir:

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview on July 21, 2006 with Stephen J. Ferance (Reg. No. 48,090), who has been authorized to act in a representative capacity in connection with this application.

During the aforementioned telephone interview, independent claim 1 of the present application was discussed.

The Faircloth, Jr. reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,820,751) was also discussed.

Applicants previous written submissions that Faircloth, Jr. fails to disclose or suggest "a solid object diverter comprising at least one solid wall surrounding

said inlet opening to define a liquid admitting cavity about said inlet opening to impede solid objects from entering said inlet opening while permitting entry of liquid into said cavity for admission into said inlet opening”, as recited in claim 1, were discussed.

No agreement was reached.

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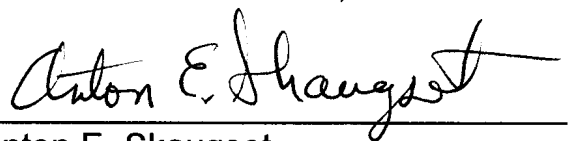
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